47. Jute Machinery
48. Rayon Machinery
49. Sugar Machinery
50. Tea Machinery
51. Mining Machinery
52. Metallurgical Machinery
53. Cement Machinery
54. Chemical Machinery
55. Pharmaceuticals Machinery
56. Paper Machinery

Iron ore reserves

*450. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mineable reserve of iron ore in the country is much less than many other iron ore producing countries; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that our country was the biggest exporter of iron ore in the world during the last decade?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) As per Mineral Commodity Summaries, published in January 2005 by the U.S. Geological Survey, India has the 8th largest reserves of crude ore in the world, after Ukraine, Russia, China, Brazil, Australia, Kazakhstan and the United States. U.S. Geological Survey defines reserves as that part of the reserve base which can be economically extracted or produced and hence it corresponds to mineable reserves.

(b) No, Sir.

Debt-burden on farmer households in Punjab

*451. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average outstanding loan per farmer household is the highest in Punjab as compared to other States, as per the survey conducted recently by the National Sample Survey Organization; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) Report No. 498 on "Indebtedness of Farmer Households" released in May, 2005, the average outstanding loan per farmer household in the State of Punjab is Rs. 41,576/- which is the highest as compared to other States in the country.

Processed milk products

†*452. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of milk produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise/district-wise/State-wise/Union Territory-wise and cattle-wise;

(b) the consumption of milk and milk products being produced by milk processing industry and the names of the countries to which such products were exported, the amount earned during the last three years, product-wise and year-wise;

(c) the number of milk products and products of milk processing industry imported in the country alongwith the names of such countries and the amount involved during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the action being taken by Government for processing of milk and promoting the export of milk and processed milk products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) The quantity of milk produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise, Union-Territory-wise and cattle-wise is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below)

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.